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test in the VI Form should again be introduced in the high schools in the State.

(ii) There should be detentions as a result of the annual examinations at the IV and V Form stages also.

(iii) A not-too-strict standard should be prescribed for the test held in the VI Form for the selection of candidates for the S.S.L.C. Examination as well as for promotion from IV and V Forms, so as to allow students who are not up to the required standard to make up, if possible, for their past lack of diligence. In addition to the written tests a system of external oral tests may be introduced the results of which being made to cover the deficiencies of the candidates in the written examinations.

The orders may be given effect to from the S.S.L.C. Examination for 1953.

The Director of Public Instruction is requested to propose suitable amendments to the S.S.L.C. Scheme.

APPENDIX II.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 467 asked by Sri V. Sri Krishna at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 12th December 1952, page 693 supra.]

Romperu Drainage Scheme.

(*a*) Reasons for delay—

(1) Unseasonal floods during the working season which is only 4 or 5 months in the year.

(2) Difficulty in excavation under water, unsuitability of existing plant for the underwater and slushy type of soil, and non-availability of the required earth moving machinery and dredgers, the existing dredgers being old.

(3) Tendered rates being prohibitively high, tenders had to be negotiated to keep down the cost.

(4) Postponement and replanning of some work due to high rates quoted by the tenderers.

(5) Reductions in grant due to Ways and Means position of the State.

(*b*) At the present rate of progress it may take another three years to complete the scheme.

(*c*) There is no proposal to utilize the water for irrigation as gravity irrigation is not possible and supply is not dependable. Lift irrigation from the drain is however allowed on application by private parties where conditions are suitable.